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COUNCIL BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Committee was held at Columbia University, Saturday, February 10.

Present: Messrs. Thilly, Dewey, Lovejoy, Rolfe and Tyler.

Bulletin.—It was voted: to request Chairmen of Committees to furnish items of general interest in regard to their current work for publication in the BULLETIN; to omit colleges and universities from the complimentary mailing list of the BULLETIN.

Budget.—The Treasurer reported on the financial situation. Appropriations were made for the work of the various committees from which definite requests had been received, and a provisional budget for the year adopted for approval by the Council.

National Research Council.—Correspondence in regard to the correlation of the work of Committee R with that of the National Research Council was presented and the selection of members for Committee R was largely determined by the evident desirability of close coöperation.

Committees.—The list of appointments for Committees R, S, and T will be published in the next BULLETIN.

Nominating Committee.—The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appointed the following committee to nominate officers for 1918, to be voted upon at the next annual meeting: Messrs. Jastrow (Sem. Lang.) Pennsylvania; Conklin (Biology) Princeton; Latané (History) Johns Hopkins; Nichols (Physics) Cornell; Hobbs (Geology) Michigan.

Membership.—The Secretary announced the appointment of a Committee on Admissions. (See page 27.)

Voted to recommend to Committee E that it consider the question of a constitutional amendment providing for earlier eligibility of men entering the profession as full professors.

The Committee is also requested to prepare for submission to the Council a careful interpretation of the Article of the Constitution and votes of the Association and of the Committee affecting the eligibility of non-teaching research men.

Local Branches.—The Secretary presented correspondence with several Local Branches in regard to the recent Council vote restrict-

ing the activities of Local Branches. It was voted to approve for submission to the Council the following statement:

A Local Branch of the Association may meet for discussion of questions either local or general and may adopt formal resolutions for transmission to the officers of the Association or to the Association itself at the Annual Meeting. In case local questions seem to require action other than that just indicated, it is not desirable that action should be confined to members of the Association constituting a Local Branch rather than to members of a local faculty generally, and it is inexpedient that the name of the Association should be used in such cases. This does not preclude any Local Branch from calling a meeting open to other faculty members for action, as a self-constituted group, on any local issue.

Voted to circulate the above proposed definition of policy to Local Branches with an invitation to send expressions of opinion promptly to local members of the Council, or to Council members in nearby institutions.

It was voted to extend thanks to Messrs. Bush and Seligman of Columbia University for courtesies to the Association at the time of the annual meeting.

The chairman of Committee Q was requested to prepare a Council Submission with a view to early determination of the place of the next annual meeting.

H. W. Tyler,
Secretary.